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The Honorable Wayne L. Peterson  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
220 West Broadway  
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Dear Judge Peterson:

1999-2000 San Diego County Grand Jury Report "Detention Facilities of San Diego County"

This document is prepared in response to the Grand Jury Report dated June 6, 2000. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the findings and recommendations that are discussed in the report. I have previously responded to you regarding recommendations 00-35 through 00-39 that addressed guarding hospitalized jail inmates.

I have reviewed it in its entirety and agree with all of the findings except for the following numbered items:

finding #5: George Bailey Detention Facility is poorly maintained.

*I believe this statement is too vague and lacks specifics. We do work with General Services to ensure that the facility is maintained in proper order. recent The Board of Corrections inspections report indicates that the facility is generally clean.*

Finding # 10: Lunch meals at Juvenile Hall are high in starch content.

*I have deferred this response to the Chief Probation Officer. (See Chief Probation Officer's report.)*

Finding #15: The number of toilets in the dormitories at the Las Colinas Detention Facility is less than required by the State Board of Corrections.

*The most current inspection by the State Board of Corrections indicates the Las Colinas Facility is in compliance with the regulations, including toilets and washbasins for multiple occupancy cells.*

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In response to Grand Jury's recommendation:

- 00-40:       Keep a record for each inmate sentenced to prison which shows the date of sentence and the date the prison packet, including the abstract of judgment was received from the Court.  
*We will initiate a manual log for a specific period Of time to assess the amount Of time an inmate remanded to State custody remains in the Sheriff's custody. The bureauwide JIMS (Jail Information Management System) 20 million dollar automation project, which goes on-line April Of 2001, will be able to access this information.*
- 00-41:       Adopt procedures to shorten the time between receipt of an abstract of judgment for imprisonment in state prison and transportation of the inmate to the R. J. Donovan Correctional Facility so as to maintain the jail population of male state prison commits at 150 or less.  
*There are many factors that enter into when an inmate is transferred to state prison. We always move inmates to state custody as soon as they are finished with state proceedings, depending on the ability of the State to accept them. On occasion, we experience delays from the court in receiving appropriate paperwork. Also, the State controls the amount of inmates they will accept. I will continue to work with the California State Sheriffs' Association and the State Department of Corrections to reduce the amount Of time a state inmate remains in local custody.*
- 00-52:       That the San Diego County Sheriff require current inspection and documentation on medical equipment at the Central Detention Facility.  
*I currently require inspection and documentation Of medical equipment at all facilities. This policy has been reinforced with all staff.*
- 00-53:       That the San Diego County Sheriff ensure mattresses in the Central Detention Facility are maintained in a sanitary condition.  
*Inspection Of the facility was conducted and all damaged mattresses were replaced. A memo was sent to all staff requesting that when weekly module inspections are conducted, that part Of the inspection will include replacing worn and damaged mattresses.*

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00-54: That the San Diego County Sheriff institute a reception briefing (live or TV) concerning facility rules and requirements to new inmates at George Bailey Detention Facility.

*The recommendation has been implemented and should be in operation within the next six months.*

00-55: That the San Diego County Sheriff improve maintenance at George Bailey Detention Facility and East Mesa Detention Facility.

*In regards to the comments concerning bathing and toilet facilities at East Mesa Detention Facility, we are in the process of refurbishing them. The progress of this project is hampered by the curing time required for the finish compound being applied to the shower. However, this project will be completed by August 1, 2000. In regards to the metal shaving mirrors, a work order has been submitted to the Maintenance Department for the replacement of the damaged mirrors.*

00-57; That the Chief Probation Officer, in conjunction with the Sheriff, consider changing the lunch meal menu of Juvenile Hall to reduce starch content.

*I have deferred this response to the Chief Probation Officer (see Chief Probation Officer's report).*

0059: That the San Diego County Sheriff provide hospital type beds for the medical area at the Las Colinas Detention Facility.

*This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but medical beds will be ordered for the Las Colinas Detention Facility.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

William B. Kolender, Sheriff

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